

REMARKS

1. Introduction

Claims 1-50 and 54-69 are pending.

2. Double Patenting

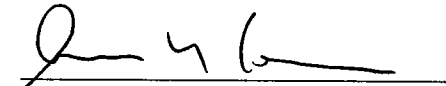
Claims 1, 16, 48, 54 and 66 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 13 of copending Application No. 10/964,229, (hereinafter referred to as "the '229 application"). Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the present obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicants note they have previously submitted terminal disclaimers to overcome the rejections based on 10/684,043; 10/684,152; and 10/684,222.

3. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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